

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 7, 11-13, 15, 19, 20, 33, 34, 36-39 and 46-48.

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 23, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 1, 2 and 4-48 are pending, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11-13, 15, 19, 20, 33, 34, 36-39 and 46-48 are rejected and Claims 6, 8-10, 14, 16-18, 21-32, 35 and 40-45 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, the rejected claims are rejected over the cited prior art. However, the objected to claims are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicant disagrees with the rejections to the claims. However, the Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims in the present application and reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to those claims.

The Applicant has amended the objected to claims so they no longer depend from a rejected base claims. The remaining claims are thus considered allowable. The informalities identified in Claim 1 have also been addressed in the amended claims.

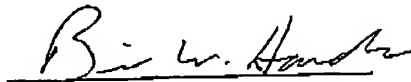
The application as amended now includes 15 independent claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 12-2400 in the amount of \$1200 for the 12 independent claims in excess of three.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this

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application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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